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Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestick.

MONDAY, December 10th, 1744. [Numb. 559]

In the Commons House of Assembly the 8th Day of Dec. 1744.

The *Committee* upon TRADE

Report,

THAT agreeable to the Instructions your Committee have received from the House, they have enquired into the Causes of the Decay of the RICE Trade, and find the same chiefly owing to the great Freights, high Insurance, Scarcity of Shipping, and other extraordinary Charges on Trade, occasioned by the present War, which has reduced the Price of Rice so low, that it will not pay the Expence of raising and manufacturing it, and consequently, in a very short Time, must unavoidably reduce the Planter to extreme Poverty, and even render him incapable of paying the provincial Tax and Quit-Rent, and oblige him to quit this Province, in Search of some other Place where he may reasonably expect to employ his honest Industry to better Advantage, by which Means this once flourishing and Frontier Colony will be very much weakened if not wholly deserted, unless some speedy Remedy be obtained for Prevention of so great a Calamity.

FOR these Reasons, your Committee are of Opinion, and humbly take Leave to recommend to the House, That the Agent be instructed to make an humble Application, to have Rice allowed to be carried to any part of *Europe* or elsewhere, under such Regulations and Restrictions as shall be thought proper, which, if granted, will probably preserve this Province from the Ruin which now threatens it, and not only enable the present Inhabitants the better to support and defend themselves against his Majesty's Enemies, but will likewise be a Means to encourage foreign Protestants to come and settle among us.

YOUR Committee humbly recommend to the House, that a proper Sum of Money be voted for carrying on the above mentioned Application.

AMSTERDAM, August 18.

CERTAIN Advice is arrived here that the Marquis *De La Chetardie* (Ambassador from *France* to the Court of *Russia*) has been stopt at *Riga*, and carried under Confinement to *Narva*. We have received some farther Particulars of his execrable Design, and also of his Disgrace.

La Chetardie knew that the whole Senate in general, were Enemies to *France*, therefore he grounded his Expectations of Success upon some of the principal Members of that Assembly only, which he was weak enough to believe were in the *French* Interest, because they took his Money without any Scruple, and seemed to approve of the Overtures made to them by him. But *La Chetardie* proved the Bubble of these Confidents, for tho' he enjoin'd Secrecy to all, and imagined that no two of them had communicated to one another what had been imparted to each of them, those Senators discover'd the whole Intrigue, and laid Snares to catch and to destroy *La Chetardie* at a proper Time. The Senate being inform'd of the Schemes form'd by *La Chetardie*, it was thought proper, least Fortune might favour them, for the Court to remove from *Moscow*, for which Reason the Empress went to *Tweir*. The *Imperial* and *Prussian* Ambassadors are not only accused with having been concern'd in these Designs, and of being Tools and Emissaries employed by *La Chetardie*, but unfortunately for them the Papers which have been seiz'd fully prove that they were so, which renders them odious, and look'd upon with a very evil Eye at the Court of *Russia*. In the Papers sent by Prince *Cantimir* from *Paris* to *Moscow*, this Matter is set in too clear and strong a Light to doubt of it, being filled with nothing but Plans and Projects to overthrow the *Russian* Government, and substitute a new one in its Room.

LONDON, July 14.

WE hear by a Messenger lately arrived from *Petersburgh*, that Her *Russian* Majesty had ordered 45,000 Men to march to the Borders of *Pomerania*, in order to be employ'd in Her *Hungarian* Majesty's Service.

We hear that on Wednesday last Six Men of 60 and 50 Guns, sailed to the Westward under the Command of Commodore *Smith*, in his Majesty's Ship the *Princess Louisa*.

July 17. Yesterday Morning Sir *John Balchen* set out for *Portsmouth*, to take on him the Command of the Fleet design'd for *Channel* Service.

There is an open Quarrel, at present, between the *French* Court and the Court of *Dresden*, on Account of the latter refusing to let the former purchase Horses, or raise Men in *Poland*.

Last Week 2000 Foot and 1000 Horse embark'd at *Gravesend*, for *Flanders*, in order to join the *British* Forces.

We hear, that the Marquis *De La Chetardie*'s Conspiracy was not only to dethrone, but to assassinate her Imperial Majesty of all the *Russias*. Which makes the Lenity of her Procedure against him the more conspicuous and remarkable.

July 24. His Serene Highness the Elector of *Cologn*, is gone to make a Tour to *Hildersheim*, *Hanover*, and *Hamburgh*, which occasions much Speculation.

Portsmouth, July 25. The *Dreadnought* Man of War arriv'd here last Night. She was, with the *Prince Frederick*, attack'd in the Bay of *Biscay* by *French* Twelve Men of War from *Brest*; the *Prince Frederick* receiv'd no Shot; but the *Dreadnought* receiv'd Three and lost Eight Men. The said Men of War, during their Cruize, took Three *French* Prizes, and sunk Two more.

Admiralty-Office, July 28. Sir *John Balchen*, Admiral of the White, sailed Yesterday with his Majesty's Ships under his Command, (consisting of 22 Men of War) and 6 *Dutch* Men of War, from *Spithead* to *St Helen's*, where three more *Dutch* Ships have joined him, one with a Flag at the Main top mast Head.

London, July 29. It is said, an Order is sent from the Lords of the Admiralty for Admiral *Mathews* to return home.

And

And Admiral *Rowley* is ordered to take on him the Command of the Fleet in the *Mediterranean* in his Room.

Yesterday came an Account, that Four more *Dutch* Men of War were arrived at *Spithead*.

August 6. We hear from *Stockholm*, that General *Keith* has certainly sailed away with the *Russian* Troops. They give us at the same Time a Hint, that some very important News may speedily be heard from *Sweden*.

August 18. Wednesday Night last his Majesty's Snow the *Salisbury*, sailed from *Spithead*, with an Express to Sir *John Balchen*, to acquaint him in what Latitude the *Brest* Squadron were, and with Orders to go directly in Quest of them — This Snow was sent out of *Lisbon*, by Commodore *Osborne*, to reconnoitre the *French* Fleet from *Brest*, (which was then cruizing off *Faro*,) and was so near several Sail of them, that a Shot from one of them kill'd an Officer on board.

August 21. His Majesty's Ship the *Looffaff*, of 20 Guns, has taken a *French* Indiaman of 800 Tons, and has carried her into *Gibraltar*.

It is said, that there are between 8 and 9000 *French* Seamen, Prisoners in the several Ports of his Majesty's Dominions.

HAGUE, *Sept.* 17.

THERE is Reason to believe, from authentick Information we have received concerning the Commission which Count *Wassenaer* was charg'd to execute with his most Christian Majesty and his Ministers, that the States General are at Length resolved categorically and speedily to know the Intentions of *France*, and perhaps to take Part in the War; but a more perfect Judgment may be form'd of their High Mightinesses Determinations, from what Count *Wassenaer*, pursuant to his Instructions, lately said to the *French* Ministers, the Substance of which is as follows:

'The little Regard that was 'had to the Remonstrances 'which I had lately the Ho'nour of making on the Part 'of the States General my Ma'sters, will indispensably oblige 'them to have Recourse to ex'treme Measures, which indeed 'they ought to take, as well 'to fulfil their Engagements 'to their Allies, as to provide 'for the Security of their Fron'tiers, in case his most Christi'an Majesty shall refuse to lend 'his good Offices for restoring 'Tranquility to *Europe*, by 'putting Things upon their 'former Footing: That not'withstanding the earnest De'sire which the States General 'have, of preventing a general 'War, their High Mightines'ses can neither avoid causing 'a fresh Body of Troops to 'march in order to join their 'Army, nor to take the most 'effectual Measures for acting 'by Land and Sea, and put'ting Things upon the Decisi'on of Arms pursuant to the 'Alternative proposed by the 'Marshal *Noailles*, as the last 'Means: That Things are 'already push'd too far for 'any Body's being deceived, 'in Respect to the Consequen'ces: That the Barrier was 'given under the Guaranty of '*France* for the Security of 'the Republick; but that as 'the King very soon seized up'on that Barrier, there is no 'longer any Security in his 'Guaranty, nor can any De'pendance be had upon Trea'ties with him: That what 'Stress soever might be laid 'upon the Promises of a Neigh'bour, it is still commendable 'to take those Measures which 'Prudence dictates: That their 'High Mightinesses are in the 'best Disposition in the World, 'if his most Christian Majesty 'would but take the Advan'tage of it, and act in Concert 'with them, for the re-esta'blishing Peace, which he 'should the rather be induced 'to do, because it will soon be 'out of their Power to act as 'they would, and Things must 'then be determined by the 'Fate of Arms, their High 'Mightinesses being more than 'ever solicited to fulfil their 'Engagements towards *Great-Britain*, and being without 'Blemish in respect to the 'Faith of Treaties they cannot 'avoid taking part in the War. 'Their High Mightinesses are 'nevertheless unwilling to take 'this Step, and would preserve 'the Friendship of the King: 'but how can they do it? The 'Alternative is very difficult; 'and if my Lords, you do not 'think fit to hearken to what 'I say, and point out some 'Way of bringing Things out 'of their present Perplexity, 'remember that my Masters 'will not be at all responsible 'for any Thing that may con'sequently happen; remember 'too, *That we are quite fresh, 'and in a Condition of sup'porting the War as long, and 'perhaps much longer than you 'would wish to have it last.* 'Their High Mightinesses have 'given all possible Attention to 'the Objection that M. *de Ar'genson* heretofore made to me, 'and find that without fathom'ing the Views of *Great-Bri'tain*, that Power has an equal 'Right to demand the Execu'tion of the Treaty of 1678, 'as they have the Execution 'of that of 1717, and that the 'last does in no sort destroy or 'annul the Clauses of the for'mer: That the Republick 'could not therefore confine 'itself and *Great-Britain* to 'that of 1717: That let 'Things be taken in what 'View soever, the States Ge'neral find themselves obliged 'to cause the principal Part 'of their Forces to march a'gainst his most Christian Ma'jesty, without formally decla'ring War against him; but 'that however Hostilities will 'not be a Jot the less sharp.'

Portsmouth, August 21. This Morning arrived at *Spithead*, his Majesty's Ship the *Hampton Court*, Capt. *Mayne*, and brought in

in with him Four *Martinico* Ships. — He left Sir *John Balchen* on the 19th Instant, cruizing about 46 Leagues to the Westward of the Land's End. — The *Dutch* Men of War with him had taken Two *Martinico* Ships.

London, August 25. They write from *Vienna*, That a Plan of Operations against the *Prussians* in *Bohemia* has already been drawn up in Council, sign'd with the Queens own Hand, and dispatch'd to General *Batthiani*, whose Army is actually arrived on the Frontiers of that Kingdom, where it must, however, remain some Time on the defensive, until join'd by the new Levies from *Hungary, Sclavonia, Croatia*, &c.

They write from *Brussels*, that Count *Saxe* had endeavoured a second Time to surprize *Oudenarde*, but without Success, and that the Duke *d'Arembergh* had reinforced the Garison with two Battalions, and a small Party of Horse; it is added, that the Army of Allies is in Possession of *Orchies*, in which Place was found a Magazine of Hay.

August 30. Private Letters from *Hamburgh* say, that the *Russian* Troops under the Command of General *Keith* are to debark in the Dutchy of *Holstein*, and march from thence into the Electorate of *Hanover*. They are to be followed by 13,000 from *Livonia*, as soon as it is seen what Turn Things will take in the Dyet of *Grodno*.

We hear that two Expresses have been dispatch'd this Week from *Kensington*, with some extraordinary Orders relating to the Operations of the *British* Forces in *Flanders*.

CHARLES TOWN, Dec. 10.

Yesterday the *New York* Privateer commanded by Capt. *Nathaniel Richards* (being full mann'd) sail'd on a Cruize against his Majesty's Enemies.

And Yesterday sail'd also, his Majesty's Snow the *Swallow*, commanded by Capt. *Yelph*.

The King of *Prussia* has already taken the City of *Prague*, which is the Capital of the Kingdom of *Bohemia*.

This Day *La Seudre*, the *French* Ship lately taken by Capt. *Hamar* in His Majesty's Ship the *Flamborough*, was condemned at a Court of Vice-Admiralty.

Price of Goods of this Country Produce.

Rice, 25 *lb* 0 *d. per* 100 *wt.*
Pitch, 48 *lb* 0 *d per Barrel.*
Tar, 35 *lb* 0 *d per Barrel.*
Turpentine, 12 *s* 6 *d Ditto.*
Skins, 16 *lb* 6 *d per Pound.*
Staves, 15 *l. per Thousand.*
Rezin, 15 *s.* 0 *d per* 100 *wt.*
Turp. Oyl, 15 *s per Gallon.*
Corn, 10 *s.* 0 *d per Bushel.*

Of the Product of Foreign Parts.

By the Hundred.

Philadelphia Flour, 4 *l.*
Ebpus Flour, 4 *l.* 0 *s.*
Middling Bread, 3 *l.*
Ship Bread, 4 *l.*
Brown Bread, 4 *l.*
Muscovado Sugar, 14 *l.* to 16.
Powder Sugar, 25 *l.*

By the Hogshead.

New England Rum, *per Gallon*, 15 *s.*
Montserrat Rum, 17 *s* 6 *d.*
Barbados Rum, 17 *s.* 6 *d.*
Antigua Rum, 17 *s.* 6 *d.*
Jamaica Rum, 25 *s.*
Melasses, 15 *s* 0 *d.*

By the Pipe.

Lisbon Wine, 140 *l.*
Oporto Wine, 140 *l.*
Madeira Wine, 120 *l.*

By the Quarter Cask.

Milk Bread, 60 *lb.*
White Bread, 50 *lb.*

By the Pound.

Bristol single refin'd Sugar, 8 *s.*
American Ditto, 7 *s.*
—— double Ditto, 10 *s.*
Soap in Boxes 3 *s.* 6 *d.*

By the Bushel.

Fine Salt, 15 *s.*
Coarse Salt, 15 *s.*

Advertisements.

Stray'd from Dorchester, the 20th of last Month, a large Sorrel Gelding having a Star in his Forehead, and branded with a Star on his near Butteck, bred by Mr *William Butler* of *Stono*. Whoever secures him, and brings him to me in *Charlestown*, shall have a Reward of 10 *l.* Currency.

Andrew Rutledge

On Tuesday the first Day of January next, will be held at the House of Mrs. *Elizabeth Wolford*, the Quarterly Meeting of the *South Carolina* society, where the Members are desired to give their Attendance

By Order of the Society,
Samuel Prioleau jun. Clerk.

Stray'd from Dorchester, about three Weeks ago, a bright Bay Horse, about 14 Hands and an half high, branded on the mounting Shoulder with a single F Whoever gives any Account of him to the Printer, so that the Owner may have him again, shall receive 5 *l.* Reward, to be paid by the Printer.

About 2 Months since, stray'd from *John Bilney's*, a grey Horse, branded with a Ring and Anchor on the mounting Shoulder; at the same Time stray'd, a bright Bay, branded with a Flower de Lys on the mounting Butteck, and a Ring and Anchor on the mounting Shoulder; About a Fortnight since, stray'd, a black Horse, with the Ring and Anchor Brand, and a Star and Snip in his Forehead; and likewise a brown Bay, branded the same. Whoever brings the said Horses to the Subscriber, or to Doct. *William Rose* at *Ashepoo*, shall receive 5 *l.* Reward. or 25 *lb* for each *John Bilney*

Imported in Capt. Rose from Bristol, Negro Cloth, Loaf Sugar, Cordage, and a fine parcel of broad Cloths, to be sold by *HOPTON & SMITH.*

White, blue, and green NEGRO CLOTH imported from *Bristol*, and to be sold reasonable, by

Simmons, Smith, & Comp.

A BALL

On Thursday the 13th of December next, at the Theatre in Queen-Street.

HENRY CAMPBELL, *Master.*

Just imported in the Sloop Susannah, Nathan Todd Master, from *New York*, *Ebpus* best Flour, white Bread in Quarter Casks, Beer and Soap, to be sold by *William Roper.*

Also single and double refin'd Sugar, ruff Rice, English Pease for planting, &c.

To be sold by Gabriel Manigault, fine powder Sugars, in Casks of 100 Wt. each. Also *Florence* Oyl in half Chests.

Just imported in the Brigt. Neptune, from *Boston*, and to be sold by the Subscriber, on Captain *Frankland's* Wharff, choice good *Madeira* and *Fyall* Wines *West India* and *New England* Rum, dried Cod Fish, Cheese, Mackrel, loaf Sugar and sundry other Articles,

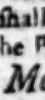
Jeremiah Osborne.

ALL Persons that have any Demands on the Estate of *James Kerr*, of *Poopon*, deceased, are desired to bring in their Accompts properly attested And those indebted to the said Estate by Bond, Note, or otherwise, to discharge their respective Debts immediately, (there being an absolute Necessity to discharge the Debts of that Estate) or they will be sued without further Notice by the Executors,

Robert Hassell, Robert McMurdy.

N.B. Those in Town may inclose their Accompts, and leave them with Mr *Nicholas Haynes*, Vintner.

All Persons indebted to Archibald McGillivray, either on his own Accompt, or on Accompt of the Estate of *John Johnston*, deceas'd, are once more desired to pay off their respective Debts by the 20th of *December* Instant, as he propotes to leave this Province sometime in *January* following.

On Saturday the 22d of Sept. last, stray'd, or was stolen out of the Subscriber's Pasture at *Combahee* in *St Helena's* Parish, a bright Bay Horse about 14 Hands high, branded thus  on either the mounting Shoulder or Butteck, and had no other Brand when lost, his Main one half hanging and the other trimmed in a Bow, he was bred at *English Santee*, and sold to the Subscriber by *John Dunn* who likewise lives at *English Santee* the Horse paces at the Rate of 8 or 10 Miles an Hour. Whoever takes up the said Horse and delivers him to me, or gives me such Intelligence of him that I may have him again, shall have 5 *l* as a Reward *Laurence Wolfenden.*

Thomas Hastop, Blacksmith, hereby gives Notice, that he does all sorts of Edge Tool and Screw-Work, from an Ounce to an Hundred Weight, mends all Faults in Cannon, bitts Augers &c. at reasonable Rates, at his Shop on Madam *Trott's* Point.

Brought to the Work-House, *Nov* 22d. Three Negro Men belonging to a Gentleman at *Port Royal*, taken up in a Canoe. And a Negro Fellow belonging to Mr *Godin*, taken up at *Stono*.

December 1st. Two Negro Men taken up at *Wingaw*, own'd at *Cape Fear*; One of them, named *Cato*, belongs to *Samuel Johnston*, Esq.